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FROM BERGER AND ABRAMS

JOINT EMBASSY/MACV MESSAGE

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FOLLOWING REPRESENTS VIEWS OF EMBASSY, MACV AND JUSPAO.

1. JUSPAO PSYOP GUIDANCE ISSUED MAY 1 DEFINED POLICY FOR ENEMY TARGET AUDIENCES IN CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES AND SOUTH VIET-NAM BORDER AREAS. FOR VC/NVA LOCATED IN OBJECTIVE AREAS, PRIMARY PSYCHOLOGICAL OBJECTIVE IF MORALIZATION/ SURRENDER. THEMSE STRESS CONVINCING ENEMY HIS PLIGHT NOW HOPELESS. THEMSE AVOIDED INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO POLITICAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND ANY SPECULATION ABOUT ROLE OF CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT OR ARMED FORCES IN CURRENT OPERATIONS.
2. PSYWAR IN CAMBODIAN OBJECTIVE AREAS BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS. TACTICAL PSYOP PLANS DEVELOPED BY TACTICAL UNITS APPLY GUIDANCE TO LOCAL SITUATION AS TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATES AND INCLUDES PSYOP SURPORT FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO POPULATION CONTROL AND RELIEF SERVICES WHEN ROSSIBLE.

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3. IN ADDITION TO LEAFLETS, AERIAL AND GROUND LOUDSPEAKER BROADCASTS PREPARED AT TACTICAL LEVEL, JUSPAO AND MACV HAVE PRODUCED SEVEN NEW LEAFLETS, THREE AERIAL AND ONE GROUND LOUDSPEAKER TAPES SPECIFICALLY FOR USE IN THE CAMBODIAN BORDER AREA. TACTICAL COMMANDERS MAKING EFFECTIVE USE OF AERIAL LOUDSPEAKER BROADCASTS TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS AND ASSIST IN POPULATION CONTROL.

4. OVERFLIGHT AUTHORIZATION FOR LEAFLET AND LOUDSPEAKER MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO A DEPTH OF 30KM INTO CAMBODIA ALONG THE BORDER. THIS AUTHORITY AND ASSOCIATED LEAFLET/LOUDSPEAKER OPERATIONS ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM CAMEL PATH PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR DURATION OF CURRENT CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS.

5. IN VIEW OF FLUIDITY OF SITUATION AND FACT THAT OPERATIONS BEING PLANNED AND CONDUCTED AT TACTICAL LEVEL, BELIEVE SAIGON ISSUANCE OF BORAD GUIDANCE WITH CONCURRENT MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION MORE DESIRABLE THAN PUBLICATION OF MACV/JUSPAO PSYOP PLAN. DIRECTOR JUSPAO, IN CONCERT WITH MACV, MAKING SPECIAL EFFORT TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PSYOP IN OBJECTIVE AREAS, WHICH PROCEEDING EXPEDITIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY.
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